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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HORIE, Tsutomu**

Group Art Unit: 2877

Serial No.: 10/709,244

Examiner: **Isiaka O. AKANBI**

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For: **RETICLE, RETICLE INSPECTION METHOD AND  
RETICLE INSPECTION APPARATUS**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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July 20, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 21, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: